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SENATOR BOURNE: Yeah, absolutely there's a penalty. If you go...if you look on line...starting in line 16, it says, "If an ethanol producer enters into a contract for the construction of a new ethanol facility with a bidder who is not a bidder residing in Nebraska, such producer shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department of Revenue in its application for credits that no comparable bid was submitted by a responsible bidder residing in Nebraska." So if they ignore Nebraska workers, if they do not allow Nebraska workers to bid on this, or public...you know, provide public notice, then they could be denied credits by the Department of Revenue.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Senator Bourne, I support your amendment. I don't think it's really going to apply to this portion, because this really is dealing with some cleanup, which is okay, but I can understand it needs to be on any new...a bill that would...any new incentives that would be offered out there. And I do support your bill. I have one concern, a little bit. I know you've probably been on boards before, when you have bids submitted, that you don't always take the low bid. What happens...I mean, sometimes you take other things into consideration...

SENATOR BOURNE: Absolutely right. And that's where the language that talks about "comparable" comes into play.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: Say, for example, that there's a highly specialized part of a plant. And I can't tell you what that is, Senator Kremer, but we heard from Senator Schrock yesterday that that could happen. Now, if there is not a Nebraska contractor that is versed in how to build that type of component of the plant, then the producer is free to pick someone else. There's nothing in there that would require a producer of a plant to go with an inexperienced Nebraska contractor, or somebody from Nebraska that doesn't know how to do that type of work.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. And then would it be up to the Department of Revenue to decide if that was...if they were...?